

Remarks

The above-noted Official Action mailed November 15, 2004 and the references cited therein have been received and carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claim 10 has been canceled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into parent claim 1. The Examiner rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over **Murase et al** in view of **Meizlish**. In so doing, the Examiner takes the position that it would be obvious within the meaning of the statute to use the double sided foam adhesive of **Meizlish** to affix the brush support of **Murase et al** on a sliding door.

Applicant's counsel vigorously disagrees! In **Murase et al**, the brush support is hollow and is hung or affixed on door extensions 51 probably by detents or the like engaging the holes in the extensions. See Figure 12. It would be impossible to attach **Murase et al**'s brush support (because of its hollow construction) to these narrow extensions using adhesive tape of any kind. Therefore any suggestion to try this unworkable combination must be suggested only by applicant's own specification.

Moreover, claim 1, particularly as amended herein, requires the support member to be a solid, planar member. In contrast, the brush support of **Murase et al** is hollow, perforated and not planar by any stretch of imagination. Therefore, even if it would be obvious to combine the references as erroneously suggested by the Examiner, the resulting device still would not meet the express terminology of amended claim 1.

For the above reasons, claim 1, as amended, clearly avoids the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over **Murase et al** in view of **Meizlish**, and should be allowed forthwith.

Claims 2-9 depend from and further restrict claim 1. Because these dependent claims inherit the patentably distinct features of claim 1, as amended, they also are believed allowed for at least the same reasons advanced above.

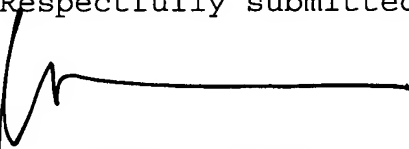
The Examiner's rejection of certain claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is noted. This rejection is believed to have been avoided by suitable amendments to claims 1, 6 and 8 herein. Accordingly, this ground of rejection also should now be withdrawn forthwith.

It is noted with due appreciation that the drawings have not been objected to by the Official Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

It is respectfully urged therefore in view of the foregoing, that all grounds of rejection have been overcome by this Amendment. Hence, the application now is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance containing allowed claims 1-9, and such favorable action earnestly is solicited.

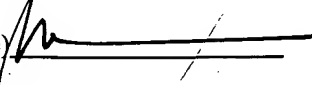
The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues still present in the application and to expedite the prosecution of the application, should the Examiner believe such a telephone conference would be helpful.

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